

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC GENERATION
AND TRANSMISSION SITING

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF STMO BN, LLC	)	
(STARFIRE) FOR A CERTIFICATE OF	)	
CONSTRUCTION FOR AN APPROXIMATELY 200	)	
MEGAWATT MERCHANT SOLAR ELECTRIC	)	CASE NO.
GENERATING FACILITY AND NONREGULATED	)	2026-00180
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE IN KNOTT AND	)	
PERRY COUNTIES, KENTUCKY PURSUANT TO	)	
KRS 278.700 AND 807 KAR 5:110.	)	

ORDER

On August 25, 2026, STMO BN, LLC (Starfire) filed an application seeking a Construction Certificate, pursuant to KRS 278.706, to construct an approximately 200-megawatt merchant electric solar facility in Knott and Perry counties, Kentucky.

Having reviewed the application, the Siting Board finds that a procedural schedule should be established to ensure for the orderly processing of this proceeding. The procedural schedule is set forth in the Appendix to this Order. The Siting Board further finds, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:110, Section 6, that an evidentiary hearing should be scheduled, which, pursuant to KRS 278.710(1), extends the statutory deadline from 120 days to 180 days for the processing of this matter.

Additionally, any evidentiary hearing scheduled in this matter shall be held on the designated day or days and continued until called from the bench by the presiding officer. If the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the hearing may be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal announcement made by the

presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing. Hearings are held in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information are expected to participate in person at a hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The statutory deadline for the processing of this matter is 180 days from the application filing date.
2. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed for this proceeding.
3. Starfire shall respond to all requests for information propounded by Siting Board Staff, whether identified on the procedural schedule or otherwise, as provided in those requests.
4. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:110, Section 3(4), any party filing a paper with the Siting Board shall file an electronic copy in accordance with the electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked. The Siting Board directs the parties to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Siting Board.
5. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:110, Section 4, a person requesting to become a party to the proceeding before the Siting Board is required to demonstrate (1) that he or

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

she has a special interest in the proceeding; or (2) that his or her participation in the proceeding will assist the Siting Board in reaching its decision and would not unduly interrupt the proceeding.

6. An evidentiary hearing in this matter shall be held January 12, 2027, at 9 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

7. Starfire shall file notice of any scheduled hearing with the Siting Board in accordance with the provisions set forth in 807 KAR 5:110, Section 9. In addition, the notice of hearing shall include the following statements: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed by connecting to the YouTube link posted on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov, on the day of the hearing" and "Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to provide public comments may do so by arriving at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, before the start of the hearing." At the time the notice is mailed or publication is requested, Starfire shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Siting Board.

8. At any evidentiary hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

9. Any evidentiary hearing scheduled in this matter shall be held on the designated day or days and continued until called from the bench by the presiding officer. If the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the hearing shall be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal announcement made by the presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing.

10. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information shall participate in person at any hearing scheduled in this matter.

11. Pursuant to KRS 278.712(2) and 807 KAR 5:110, Section 6(7), a digital video recording shall be made of the hearing.

12. The Siting Board does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

13. The Siting Board does not look favorably upon motions to substitute witnesses or excuse witnesses from testifying at Siting Board hearings. Accordingly, motions to substitute witnesses or excuse a witness from testifying at a Siting Board hearing or from testifying in person at a Siting Board hearing shall be made in writing at least 14 days prior to the hearing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

Entered on this 4th day of September, 2026.

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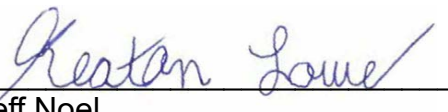
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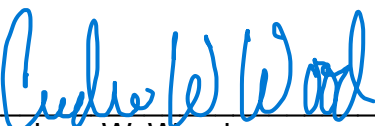
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ATTEST:



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Electric Generation and Transmission Siting*

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SITING IN CASE NO. 2026-00180 DATED SEP 04 2026

Completed application filed on 08/25/2026

Motions to intervene shall be filed no later than 09/24/2026

Requests for a public comment hearing shall be filed no later than 09/24/2026

First requests for information to Starfire
shall be filed no later than 10/08/2026

Starfire shall file responses to
first requests for information no later than 10/22/2026

Supplemental requests for information to Starfire
shall be filed no later than 11/12/2026

Starfire shall file responses to
supplemental requests for information no later than 11/25/2026

Siting Board consultant's site assessment report
shall be filed no later than 12/10/2026

Starfire shall file its response addressing findings and recommended mitigation
measures, if any, no later than 12/23/2026

Public Hearing to be held at 9 a.m. Eastern Standard Time in the Richard Raff Hearing
Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard,
Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses
of STMO, BN and Intervenors 01/12/2027
(Applicant's proof of notice of the hearing must be received by the Siting Board in
accordance with 807 KAR 5:110, Section 9(1).)

Statutory deadline 02/21/2027

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